

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 21, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Bus schedule coming

The school bus schedule will be published in next week's issue.

Commissary closes early

The Aberdeen Commissary will close early at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, because of the summer rock concert. Doors will reopen for business Sunday, Aug. 18.

Temporary traffic pattern change

On Aug. 29 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Longs Corner Road and Johnson Street will be closed for the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command change of command ceremony, taking place in front of the Ryan Building (bldg. 314). Traffic heading south on Aberdeen Boulevard will be directed onto Collieran Road where the road splits at the old firehouse.

Motorists who wish to exit the vicinity of the Ryan Building during this time will be directed to an alternate route cutting through the Plumb Point Golf Course and rejoining Aberdeen Boulevard via Plumb Point Loop.

Military police will be present to direct traffic.

For additional information, contact Staff Sgt. Edward Wells at 410-278-2744.

Labor Day closure

Outdoor Recreation will be closed Sept. 2.

To take advantage of the holiday weekend special, pick up item(s) on Saturday, Aug. 31, and return Sept. 3 for a one-day rental price. For more information, call Carissa A. Bare, manager, Equipment Resource Center, Outdoor Recreation Program, 410-278-4124/5789 or fax 410-278-4160.

Photo Lab closed temporarily

The APG Photo Lab is closed for relocation to building 324 and will reopen for business on Aug. 26. To make appointments, customers should use the online Consolidated Help Desk on the APG Web page.

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APG resumes fall hunting



Two young bucks battle it out during rut (early October) while competing for an area on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Photo by JOE ONDEK

Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground resumes the annual deer harvest next month, an event which was cancelled last year in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. The deer season begins with bow season, Sept. 9.

Hunting on APG is open to all active and retired military, Department of the Army civilian employees and contractors, and sponsored guests and dependents who possess written documentation that they have passed a security investigation or verifiable proof of a favorable criminal history check.

Guests and dependents over the age of 16 must provide proof of the valid security investigation or a criminal history check.

The background check is \$23 and may be obtained from county or state police. Reisterstown is the nearest Maryland State Police location that signs off on the checks, but some portions, such as fingerprinting, may be done locally.

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MWR, Pepsi offer two-for-one concert tickets

Sheila Little
APG News

If you are ready to rock with REO Speedwagon, Eddie Money and Night Ranger, but are waiting for that unbelievable deal on tickets, that deal has arrived. Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Havre de Grace, in conjunction with Aberdeen Proving Ground's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office is offering two-for-one admission to Saturday evening's rock concert.

Ticket holders who bring a friend and an empty Pepsi can or bottle can get a free admission for their friend. The promotion is open to all ticket holders and is being generously underwritten by the local Pepsi bottling company.

The Shine Sports Field performance begins at 7:30 p.m. with openers Night Ranger and Eddie Money, followed by the evening's headliner, REO Speedwagon.

Concert material is sure to include classic numbers as well as recent hits. With 17 critically acclaimed albums and 13 top 40 singles, REO Speedwagon has sold over 40 million records, including hits "Can't Fight This Feeling," "Here With Me," and "Keep On Loving You." REO has participated in sold out concert tours with Fleetwood Mac, Pat Benatar,

Foreigner and Peter Frampton.

Since releasing his self-titled debut album in 1977, Eddie Money has been entertaining the world with a score of memorable tunes including "Baby Hold On" and "Two Tickets to Paradise," and later hits such as "Walk on Water" and "Take Me Home Tonight." In his third decade of touring, concert-goers can expect to hear a bit of the old as well as the new.

Concert opener Night Ranger first left its



indelible mark on the music charts with a string of best selling albums beginning in 1982. Known for songs such as "Sister Christian," "When You Close Your Eyes," Sentimental Street," "Goodbye" and "Don't Tell Me You Love Me," the band is known not only for musical talent, but a talent to entertain.

So knock back a few Pepsi's, bring your friends and support the military community by attending an evening of great rock entertainment. Concert profits are returned to the military community to support activities for soldiers and their families.

All concert-goers should enter through the Route 22 gate where they will be directed to designated parking. Free shuttle service will be provided to the concert site.

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Concert road closures

Marni Allison
MWR

As under current weekend entry control conditions, all regular entrances and exits to the installation must be made via Maryland Boulevard gate.

But due to the concert on Aug. 17, the Route 22 gate will open at approximately 3:45 p.m. for concert traffic only.

All cars entering will be directed into a designated parking area in the older residential portion of Chesapeake Gardens.

To ensure concert traffic stays in the concert-designated parking area, on Aug. 17 roads will be blocked from approximately noon as follows:

Bayside Drive will be blocked where it meets Garden Drive. Bayside residents will exit using Bayside Drive near the APG Youth Center, then out via Maryland Boulevard.

Garden Drive will be blocked at Harford Boulevard. Residents of Patriot Village should use Aberdeen Boulevard to access post facilities.

Harford Boulevard will be

blocked at Rodman Road, so patrons may access the Shoppette via Maryland Boulevard and Bayside Drive.

Rodman Road will be blocked at Harford Road, and at Aberdeen Boulevard. Springfield Street will be blocked. Commissary patrons must enter and exit via Maryland Boulevard, and keep in mind that the commissary will close at 3 p.m. that day to support the concert.

Susquehanna Avenue will be blocked at Springfield. Athletic Center patrons must use Boothby Hill to Frankford and park on the Fanshaw Field side of the gymnasium.

Susquehanna, Aberdeen and Raritan boulevards will be blocked at Frankford Street.

Residents of Plumb Point and Hopkins housing areas should use Boothby Hill Avenue and Maryland Boulevard to access post services and to exit post.

(Editor's note: Sheila Little, APG News reporter, contributed to this article.)

Drought tip



In an effort to help the personnel of Aberdeen Proving Ground cope with the area drought, the APG News is offering a weekly water conservation tip. All residents and personnel of APG are urged to look for and practice water conservation for the duration of the drought.

Tips for the home gardener for efficient water use

- Watering infrequently, deeply and thoroughly will encourage rooting and greater tolerance to dry spells. Plants send out extra roots in dry conditions to seek water. Plants often bloom more profusely when stressed, as the natural

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APG honors 2 in retirement ceremony

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The high summer heat didn't keep friends, family and co-workers away as Aberdeen Proving Ground honored Staff Sgt. Clyde O. Dunsmore and Rita F. Barker upon their retirement.

Dunsmore, who retired after 20 years of military service, received the Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) from Col. Kone Brugh, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools chief of staff and deputy commander. He also was presented a Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

His wife, Priscilla, was presented a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation.

Barker, who retired after 37 years of federal service, received the Defense Finance and Accounting Certificate of Retirement. Her husband, Douglas, was presented an

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From left, Douglas Lee Barker Sr., spouse, and retiree Rita F. Barker, Priscilla Dunsmore, spouse, and Staff Sgt. Clyde O. Dunsmore, retiree, watch as the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' color guard marches by the reviewing area at the July 31 retirement ceremony at Ordnance Circle.

Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB

KUSAHC sharpens customer service skills

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Developing a positive outlook was the focus of customer service classes held for medical practitioners at Top of the Bay, July 24 to 26.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic hosted the event that included employees from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., and Kimbrough Army Hospital at Fort Meade. About 60 people attended each class.

Mike Meines, public affairs officer, Madigan Army Hospital at Fort Lewis, Wash., and his assistant, Cheryl Brockway, conducted the classes.

Using anecdotes and humor to get his point across, Meines encouraged listeners to achieve a positive attitude in their personal and professional lives

“You have to decide you want a positive attitude,” Meines said. “I try to be as positive as I can be everyday.”

He related the story of his near-death experience, when after being injured in an automobile accident he “flat-lined” twice in the emergency room.

“I decided I would make the most of my second chance and look for the positive things in life,” Meines said.

The pointers he gave for achieving such a state included neutralizing variables that negatively impact a positive attitude.

“Whether it’s a relationship or handling rude people, you can neutralize the moment,” Meines said.

One way is to insert humor into the situation, he added. Easing tension with humor makes people relax and refocus.

Other suggestions he gave were to “beware the downward spiral,” such as bad news or negative people; speak positively of others, regardless of what you think about them; build confidence in yourself; recognize that you need others, and believe in yourself and what you do.

“If I ever write a book it will be named ‘Positive Selfishness,’” Meines said, adding that customer appreciation classes he attended in the past always said what to do but never said why.

“I finally realized that helping people makes me feel good,” Meines said. “I don’t do it for them, I do it for me.

“It’s a win-win situation,” he added. “Whenever I get in that downward spiral, I go out and help people. It perks me right up.”

For further guidance in focusing on the positive, Meines recommended reading the book, “The Power of Positive Thinking” by Norman Vincent Peale.

“The points made when this book was written in the 1950s are still valid today,” Meines said.

He closed the session with a video of workers at Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle. The workers, danced, sang, tossed fish around and bantered with each other and their customers as they worked. They and their customers seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely.

The workers who were interviewed at the end of the video agreed that their focus was summed up in the organization motto, “Play, make their day.”

“Be there,” one worker suggested as the most important part of focusing on the customer.

“Look at them, listen to them, just like you would your best friend,” he said.

“You can choose your attitude as soon as you get out of bed,” Meines added. “You can be positive if you really want to be.”

Listeners said they learned a lot from the class.

Gail Dawson, KUSAHC certified nursing assistant, said it made her realize the importance of communicating with patients.

“Sometimes we get behind and people have to wait longer,” Dawson said. “I’ll pay more attention to timing and keeping people updated. The class made me more sensitive to that.”

“It had a refreshing spin to it,” Debra Parker, KUSAHC risk management, said of the class.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Michael Meines, public affairs officer, Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash., gestures with a toy bunny rabbit he once used to settle an argument, during a customer service class for health practitioners hosted by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, July 24 to 26.

“It reinforces the perspective that you truly do things for others because you want to. That is especially true for people in the health care profession.”

Parker said that the classes were part of a mandatory training requirement.

“The commander wanted the staff to receive training focused on performance improvement and initiative,” Parker said, adding that they opened the training to “fellow agencies.”

“This was a wonderful reminder of who we are and why we’re here,” she added. “Customer service is at the forefront of what we do.”

Safety & Health

Preventing cycling injuries

Diana Settles
Navy Environmental Health Center

Personal fitness:

- Prior to cycling, participate in a gradual conditioning program with emphasis on stretching and strengthening exercises. A continued maintenance program throughout the season is beneficial.
- Remember to warm up and stretch at least 5 to 10 minutes before cycling.
- For additional information on cycling conditioning, contact a local Morale, Welfare and Recreation office trainer. Many MWR facilities provide safety/-injury prevention information regarding preparation, conditioning, training and proper cycling techniques.

Equipment:

- Wear a helmet. The biggest preventable risk factor for bicycle head injury is failure to wear a bicycle helmet. Studies show that helmets were found to be 85 percent protective against head injury and 88 percent protective against brain injury.
- Use of headphones is prohibited.
- Proper fit of the bicycle is essential to maximize rider performance and to prevent overuse injuries. At the knee joint, allow approximately a 15 degree angle on full extension. When cycling, the knee

- should not be placed in full extension or hyperextension.
- Bicycle safety equipment such as lights and reflectors, should be required on all bicycles used for training, recreation, and transportation.
- An “emergency” safety bag is recommended. Carry a cell phone or money for a pay phone, insurance card, personal ID card, an emergency contact card and animal protection devices (such as pepper-spray).
- Other beneficial cycling equipment includes brightly colored clothing, a safety vest, padded gloves on handlebars, and well-fitted and padded bicycle pants.
- Training, technique:**
 - Be aware of primary risk factors for bicycle injury, and practice safe training techniques to assist in preventing injury occurrence: excessive speed, motor vehicle traffic, fatigue, poor road conditions.
 - Heavily loaded bicycles may decrease the ability of the cyclist to respond quickly to avoid potholes, broken pavement, rider fatigue, and excessive speed on downhill portions.
 - Increased risk taking behavior (such as high speeds on downhills) may contribute to injury.
 - Be cautious at road intersections; know and use bicycle signage for turns.

- Use all senses, especially hearing and seeing, etc. Ensure vision is not impaired.
 - Environment:**
 - Population based injury rates are the highest during periods when the largest numbers of cyclists are riding: months with good weather, long daylight hours, and weekends. Fatal collisions occur most commonly in urban areas. Roads with speed limits of 55 mph or greater produce a higher injury/fatality rate. Weather related injuries can be prevented by the use of appropriate clothing for cold, wet, or hot weather. Racing officials and cyclists should be aware of environmental factors (physical terrain and traffic controls) when selecting cycling courses. Cycle during daylight hours.
 - Alcohol consumption should be discouraged during any athletic participation - especially cycling.
 - Proper hydration and nutrition during activity is recommended to prevent fatigue and heat illness.
- (Editor’s note: Diana Settles is the manager of Injury Prevention Physical Fitness Programs at the Navy Environmental Health Center, Norfolk, Va.)*

Protecting children around swimming pools

<http://www.aap.org/family/tip-pool.htm>

- A swimming pool in the yard can be dangerous, especially for children.
- If possible, do not put a swimming pool in the yard until children are older than 5. If a pool already exists, protect children from drowning by doing the following:
- Never leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.
 - Put up a fence to separate the house from the pool. Most young children who drown in pools wander out of the house and fall into the pool. Install a fence at least 4 feet high around all four sides of the pool. This fence should completely separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard. Use gates that self-close and self-latch, with latches higher than the children’s reach.
 - A power safety cover that meets the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials adds to the protection of children but should

- not be used in place of the fence between the house and the pool. Even fencing around the pool and using a power safety cover will not prevent all drownings.
- Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd’s hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool.
 - Do not let children use air-filled “swimming aids” because they are not a substitute for approved life vests and can be dangerous.
 - Anyone watching young children around a pool should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed. Stay within an arm’s length of children.
 - Remove all toys from the pool after use so children aren’t tempted to reach for them.
 - After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they can’t get back into it.
- Remember, teaching children how to swim DOES NOT mean the child is safe in water.

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LOCAL TALENT ENTERTAINS



Erica Martinez entertains at AAFES mini-mall festivities, Aug. 23

Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB

Local artist Erica Martinez, above, accompanied by The Double Vision Dancers, will provide entertainment to celebrate the Army & Air Force Exchange Service Edgewood’s Mini-Mall’s 5th anniversary of service to the military community of Aberdeen Proving Ground on Aug. 23 at 3 p.m. Activities begin at noon and include hourly drawings, and food, and games for children and adults. The location of the event is behind the Edgewood Mini-Mall, building E-4010. This event is open to military, civilian and contract ID card holders. For more information, call Deidre Taylor, Edgewood Shopette, 410-671-6097.

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No swimming at Flying Point Park

Flying Point Park, located in the Edgewood Area, is closed to all swimming activities. Signs have been posted on Willoughby Beach Road identifying the area off limits to swimming. The sediment level in this area has caused swimmers to become entrapped, requiring emergency rescue.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield visits Aug. 13

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground Aug. 13, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary. The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level). The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Maryland Army National Guard Armory, building E-4081, Room 100. No appointment is necessary. Ring the bell and sign in at the Operations Area. For more information, contact Teri Wright, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-4331.

Celebrate Women’s Equality Day, Aug. 14

APG’s Federal Women’s Program is hosting the Women’s Equality Day Awards Program on Aug. 14 at Top of the Bay at 1:30 p.m. Ellen Saurbrey U.S. representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, former minority leader in the Maryland House of Delegates and Republican nominee for governor in 1998, is the guest speaker. The program will honor the nominees in the categories of woman of the year, supervisor/manager of the year, and organization most supportive of the FWP goals. For more information, call or e-mail Anne Gibson, chief, Publication Management Division, 410-436-3254/2800, annemarie.gibson@apg.amedd.army.mil.

APG HEP hosts Career Day Sept. 25

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Hispanic Employment Program Committee will host Career Day Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Aberdeen. The APG HEP is hosting Career Day in support of program goals to increase the representation of minorities within the workforce at APG. In addition, the committee hopes to educate the local community about APG and installation-associated employers. Local businesses, as well as APG tenants, are invited to participate.

Organizations interested in participating in career day should call Joanne Holloway, 410-436-3628 or Cindy Sepulveda, 410-306-1780 by Aug. 30.

Special sale at EA Thrift Shop


The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is having a special sale on clearance items only on Aug. 20. The first ten clearance items purchased cost \$.10 each and any items above the original 10 will cost \$.25 each. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

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Pollution Prevention

Keep excess heat out in the summer by closing blinds or draperies on the sunniest windows during the day.



APG Pollution Prevention Program

with APG. Local businesses, as well as tenant organizations at APG, are invited to participate. Organizations interested in participating in Career Day should call Joanne Holloway, 410-436-3628 or Cindy Sepulveda, 410-306-1780 by Aug. 30.

MCSC September membership drive

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Military and Civilian Spouses’ Club will hold member sign-up during the month of September. The MCSC is an organization for spouses or surviving spouses, and members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty or retired, spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilians, and DoD civilians. The purpose is to provide a support system for MCSC members, develop leadership, create a sense of unity within the military community, broaden and enrich the lives of its members, and promote the relationship between the military as well as surrounding civilian communities. The daytime sign-up will be Sept. 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Ruggles Golf Course; evening sign-up will be Sept. 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club. For more information, contact Julie Koob at 410-297-6630 or fourkoobs@world-net.att.net.

Register for UMUC fall courses

Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College Fall 2002 semester, which begins Sept. 4. On-site classes offered at Aberdeen Proving Ground include HRMN 462,

Labor Relations; BMGT 464, Organizational Behavior; and IFSM 438, Project Management. Additional classes are available through the instructional television and distance education formats. For assistance or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 and 410-278-4632.

IMUC to host EXCEL orientation

Earn college credit for knowledge acquired through work and life experiences. Find out the details at an EXCEL (experiential learning) orientation, Aug. 14, 4 to 6 p.m. in building 3146, located on the corner of Raritan Avenue and Bel Air Street on Aberdeen Proving Ground. For information and to reserve a seat, call UMUC’s APG office at 410-272-8269, or 410-278-4632.

Tentative trip to MLK home

The Black Employment Program Committee is in the process of planning a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program for January 2003. Tentatively, the program includes an educational tour of the King Center, Ebenezer Church, Dr. King’s home, historical homes in the area and historical Black colleges in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17 to 20, which coincides with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. This event is open to Aberdeen/Edgewood federal employees and military personnel. The committee is trying to keep the cost as low as possible. Participants would pay for transportation, hotel, meals and any other expense they incur. The committee will make arrangements and reser-

ventions for bus transportation. Participants will pay the committee for this transportation. Hotel arrangements will be made by the committee; however, hotel reservation and payment will be made by the participants. More information will be provided once the committee determines interest. To discuss details of the trip, call Penny White, black employment program manager, at 410-278-1161 or 1100. Preventing violence in the workplace Are communication problems creating a hostile workplace? The Workplace Assessment Team offers a variety of communication and conflict resolution classes designed to help with interpersonal problems and workplace productivity. For more information or to schedule a class, call Paul Papp, 410-306-1079, or e-mail paul.papp@usag.apg.army.mil.

An introduction to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Lt. Col. Jill Grant
OSJA

Welcome to the first in a series of columns prepared by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Aberdeen Proving Ground. In the coming weeks look for informative articles on claims, taxes, consumer rights, wills, estate planning and more.

This article introduces readers to the many services provided by the garrison legal office.

Much of the work at the legal office is in support of the commander's mission of operating and maintaining APG. This work involves providing legal advice and support on issues such as administrative law, labor law, military justice, environmental law and contracts.

It also provides many personal legal services available to eligible clients.

Legal assistance

The legal assistance office provides active duty clients, military retirees, reservists on orders for more than 30 days, and their dependents free legal advice on a wide variety of legal issues such as landlord/tenant disputes, family law, wills, estate planning, consumer affairs and much more.

Department of the Army civilians being held financially liable, as a result of a report of survey, are also eligible for legal assistance.

These services usually require an appointment and a confidential interview with an attorney. Counselors can act as notaries and prepare powers of attorney on a walk-in basis.

Additionally, one of the most popular services is a free electronic tax filing service offered from February through April of each year.

The legal assistance office is open daily 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in building 310. No appointment is necessary to meet with an attorney on Thursday between 7:30 and 11 a.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the legal assistance office at 410-278-1583/1584.

Claims

The claims office reviews, investigates, and pays claims that occur when service members and DA civilian's move as part of their official duties.

Any damage to household goods as a result of an official move must be reported by submitting a completed DD Form 1840/1840R within 70 days from the date of delivery of the house-

hold goods

The claims office is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 410-278-1459.

The legal office observes garrison regular days off on alternating Fridays.

For more information, visit the legal office Web site at www.apg.army.mil/garrison/legal_office/garrison_legal.htm.

The legal office is committed to providing first-class, professional legal services. Part of that commitment includes educating clients about legal issues that may affect them.

Contact the legal assistance office if there are topics or areas of the law that you, the reader, would like to see addressed in future articles.



Drought

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instinct to reproduce creates more flowers.

- Properly condition your soil. Water does not easily penetrate clay soils and water passes too quickly beyond the root zone of plants in sandy soil. Adding organic matter to clay and sandy soils will increase the penetrability of clay soils and the water holding capacity of sandy soils. Claybreaker and Ultra-light soil amendments are suggested for proper conditioning.

- Mulch soil surface. Mulching cuts down on water loss due to evaporation. A two-inch layer of mulch or compost is recommended. Apply mulches to shrubs, trees, annuals, vegetable gardens, and even containers.

- Shelter container plants. To conserve water, move containers to areas with partial shade to keep them from drying quickly in hot windy areas.

- Install a drip or other water conserving irrigation system. Slow drip and deep root watering systems can save up to 60 percent of all water used in garden care. Professionally installed and maintained irrigation systems will further help conserve water.

- Discourage water competition from weeds. Keep weeds pulled and reduce the likelihood of them returning by mulching. Consider using landscape fabric between the soil and mulch to further reduce weeds.



College Fair set for Aug. 21

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Education Center will host the 14th Annual College Fair Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

More than 30 representatives from colleges, universities and education programs will be on hand to help soldiers, civilian employees, family members, retirees and members of the community make educated decisions said Cheryl Frazier, APG education services specialist.

Frazier said the fair features representatives from the Troops to Teachers program, a program that provides referral assistance and placement services to enlisted personnel and Department of Defense civilians who are interested in teaching, and from the American Council on Education, which through the AARTS/SMART transcript program grants college credit for military experience.

Lawrence E. Leak, Ph.D., assistant state superintendent for the Division of Certification

and Accreditation, and Diane Gross, ACE assistant director of military programs will be the first representatives from their respective organizations to attend an APG College Fair.

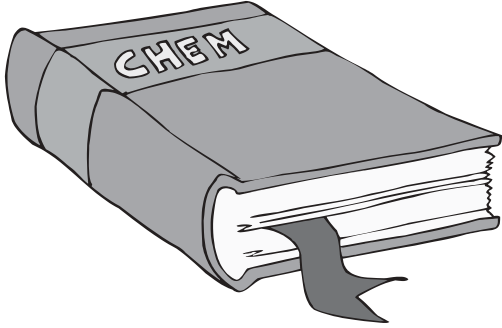
“This is a huge opportunity for service members to hear more about the opportunities open to them,” Frazier said.

“Sometimes, an event like this is all it takes to see an opportunity and take it.”

Frazier said the center intends to make it “a very academic yet functional experience,” for all involved.

“You can walk around, enjoy the refreshments and get an AARTS transcript processed while you wait,” Frazier said, adding that the service is set to be online for the duration of the fair.

She said that service members, while planning their educational strategy, should remember the tuition increase that takes effect Oct. 1.



Law school available to junior officers

Army News Service

The Army is now accepting applications to fund law school for eligible lieutenants and captains.

Under the Funded Legal Education Program, up to 15 active duty commissioned officers may be able to attend law school in the fall of 2003.

The program is open to officers in the grades of second lieutenant through captain. The Judge Advocate General will accept applications through Nov. 1.

This program is open only to active duty commissioned officers who have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service when training begins, officials said. Interested officers should register immediately for the fall Law School Admission Test, commonly called LSAT, officials said.

Those eligible should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program), officials said, adding that those interested can contact their local staff judge advocate for further information.

Applicants should send their request through command channels, to include

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Sports & Recreation

Photo by DONNA COYNE

Umpire Ed Ward, left, watches NCOA catcher Steven Bileth lean in for the catch as HHC 16th batter Tony Caver hits a ball foul during the championship game versus NCOA.



NCOA wins first intramural softball championship Academy dominates HHC 16th, 18-1

Story and photos by
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APG News

In a surprise ending to the 2002 intramural softball season, the Noncommissioned Officer Academy stunned heavily-favored Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, twice, winning 15-9 in the tournament and 18-1 in the championship game to take the intramural softball crown.

The losses were the first two for HHC 16th, which finished the regular season undefeated.

The win capped a Cinderella season for NCOA. The team finished third in the American Division, then got it together in the playoffs, posting lop-sided victories against its opponents.

“We had a shaky start but we finally jelled at the end,” said NCOA coach Daniel Sifuentes after the game.

He added that with only three permanent party players, the team would have to be restructured next year.

“They are a great bunch of guys. I will miss them,” Sifuentes said.

HHC 16th coach Tony Caver said that while he was not making excuses, the team entered the post-season with several players hurting and without two key players.

“We knew NCOA was a strong team but we

still had high hopes coming in,” Cavers said.

“We made a couple of errors and had to battle through the losers bracket, but we feel fortunate we came back to take second place.”

Caver named assistant coach Terry Bonine and players Lester Daniels, James Welch, and Kevin Callicut as the teams top contributors.

“We’re happy with the season we had, we just got banged up at the end,” added Callicut who scored HHC 16th’s only point with an infield home run.

“We’ll be back to challenge for the championship next year,” he said.

NCOA coach Sifuentes added his thanks to Donna Coyne, Morale Welfare and Recreation sports program manager and the post athletic centers for supporting the softball program, and to assistant coach Mark Wittle, and players Nathan Shay and Ted Richards for their contributions to the team.

“The command gave us time to practice and encouraged us to hang in there,” Sifuentes said in thanking the academy.

Noting that nearly every player got at least one hit during the game, he said, “No one individual shined. We all shined together.”

NCOA went undefeated through the tournament, downing Company C, 16th, 29-2; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, 22-7; and HHC 16th, 15-9.

Softball update

The following results were reported for the intramural softball post-season tournament.

Aug. 10

HHC 16th, 11; Company E 16th, 10

HHC 143rd, 25; HHC 1/115th, 3

HHC 16th, 7; HHC 143rd, 3

NCOA, 29; Company C 16th, 2

USMC, 12; Company C 143rd, 10

NCOA, 22; USMC, 7

NCOA, 15; HHC 16th, 9

KUSAHC, 22; Company C 16th, 0

KUSAHC, 20; HST, 7

Company C 143rd, 22; KUSAHC, 18

HHC 143rd, 17; Company C 143rd, 15

HHC 61st, 39; HHC 1/115th, 4

HHC 61st, 17; Company E 16th, 11

USMC, 18; HHC 61st, 6

USMC, 20; HHC 143rd, 11

HHC 16th, 11; USMC, 8

Championship

NCOA, 18; HHC 16th,

Fall mixed bowling league forming

Bowlers are needed for the 2002/2003 Wednesday Night Mixed Bowling League.

The season begins in September.

Sign up at the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, 410-278-4041, or call Dolores Huff, 410-679-1718.

Flag Football Officials Clinic

Learn to officiate flag football and earn money.

Officiate three games per night and earn \$20 per game.

The Community Recreation Division will hold a Flag Football Officials Clinic Aug. 19 through 23, 6 to 8 p.m. in Russell Gymnasium, building 3330.

The clinic provides instruction on the rules of the game, how to make calls and provides opportunities for hands-

on training (scrimmages). Successful completion of this clinic allows participants to officiate intramural games on APG and get paid to do it.

Cost to attend the clinic is \$45. Register at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300, 410-278-7934. For more information, call Donna Coyne, 410-278-3929 or e-mail her at donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

E-buy helps agencies find vendors on ‘GSA Advantage!’

Jason Peckenpaugh
GovExec.com

Federal shoppers at the government’s online superstore can reach vendors more easily with a tool unveiled Aug. 7 by the General Services Administration.

The tool, E-buy, allows agencies to get bids from vendors for any of the 3 million products and services sold through GSA Advantage!, the online catalog for items in the GSA schedules program.

With E-buy, contracting officers can describe a service or product they need and then post a request for quote, which invites eligible vendors to bid for the work.

The tool should make it easier for agencies to buy services and large shipments of products through GSA Advantage!, according to Roger Waldron, director of the Acquisition Management Center in the Office of Acquisition at GSA’s Federal Supply Service.

“We have specified ordering procedures for services that talk about preparing a statement of work, and E-buy fits right in on that, and with regard to products, we see [E-buy] as a great tool if you have large quantities you want to purchase of the schedule,” Waldron said.

GSA originally launched E-buy in June 2001, but the version released Wednesday makes it easier for agencies and vendors to find one another through GSA Advantage!, GSA officials said.

For example, the new E-buy catalogs all RFQs, so companies can see what agencies are looking for. The catalog feature also allows vendors to submit bids even if they are not invited to compete on a given RFQ, according to Waldron.

“If [companies] are interested in submitting an offer, they can submit an offer, or they could contact the contracting officer and ask about subcontracting opportunities as well,” he said.

The new E-buy simplifies how vendors are classified within GSA Advantage!, making it easier for agencies to find them. It automatically includes all vendors listed on GSA Advantage! The earlier version of E-buy required companies already listed on GSA Advantage! to register separately for the E-buy service.

Agencies can submit elaborate statements of work online through E-Buy, eliminating the need to use faxes or phone calls for some parts of the negotiation process.

The new E-buy reflects several suggestions from agencies and vendors, according to GSA officials. GSA has also trained federal contracting officers on how to use the new system and has plans to hold more training sessions throughout the country.

“All of the classes we’ve given have been standing room only, so that lets us know the [agency] buyers are, in fact, interested,” said Doris Marsh, GSA’s E-buy coordinator.

Contracting officers can take an online tutorial on E-buy at GSA Advantage! or call the GSA Advantage! help desk if they have questions about using the new tool.

Retire

From front page

Aberdeen Proving Ground Certificate of Appreciation.

Brugh noted that the ceremony was to honor “two great and special Americans.”

“In 1965 Rita Fay Barker entered the work force at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The year that she came to work, the per capita income in the United States was slightly less than \$2,800. A first class stamp cost 5 cents.

“That year the war in Vietnam escalated. Lyndon Baines Johnson launched the war on poverty. The first commercial satellite was launched.

““Bonanza” was number one on the television. “A Man

for All Seasons” was the top movie. And, the music we listened to included such hits as “The Sound of Silence,” “The Ballad of the Green Berets,” and “These Boots are Made for Walking.”

“In 1982, Staff Sgt. Clyde O. Dunsmore enlisted in the Army. The year he donned the uniform for the first time the per capita income in the United States was slightly less than \$12,000. A first class stamp cost 20 cents.

“That year Argentina and England were at war over the Falkland Islands. Israel invaded Lebanon. John Hinkley Jr. was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. And, the first artificial heart was implanted in a human being.

““E.T. the Extra Terrestrial” was our favorite movie. “Thriller” by Michael Jackson was our favorite song. “The Color Purple” was the top book. And the computer was the machine of the year on the cover of Time Magazine.

“Our retirees grew up in

different worlds. They came into the Army in different worlds. But for a brief moment in history they came together to support the United States Army.”

Brugh noted that Barker began her career as a clerk typist and one year later became a military pay technician. For 36 years she worked for the same organization, “training new employees, mentoring soldiers, and explaining the military pay system to thousands of soldiers, young and old.

“It isn’t unusual for her family to see such dedication,” Brugh explained. “Her father, a brother, two sisters, and two brothers-in-law have worked at Aberdeen Proving Ground over the years.”

Dunsmore spent his 20 years in the Army in such places as Germany, Korea and Bosnia. He retired as the supply sergeant with the 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, A Company, 902nd Military Intelligence Group.

“A highlight of his career,” Brugh said, “was with the

Special Operations Command Europe position, where he has been credited with being instrumental in standing up the combined special operations task force and the allied intelligence battalion in Sarajevo.

“Throughout his career,” Brugh continued, “he has worked hard to better himself professionally and personally and is one credit shy of an associate’s degree in arts and sciences. He plans to continue his education after retirement.”

Brugh also noted that, just as during their careers, family members supported the two retirees during the ceremony.

“Both of their families have played a major role in their successes, standing with our retirees as they went about serving our nation.”

Brugh also thanked the friends and coworkers who joined in saluting the retirees.

Serving as the honor contingent for the ceremony were officers and soldiers of the 16th Ordnance Battalion, as well as the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own).

Concert

From front page

In keeping with security, leave coolers at home, and entrants over the age of 16 should come with a picture ID. In addition, all entrants should be prepared for vehicle and personal searches.

A live broadcast by WOCT at the venue gate from 3:45 to 6 p.m. is planned for the enjoyment of those who arrive early.

Seating is lawn seating, so blankets or lawn chairs are appropriate. The concert will take place rain or shine.

Tickets are \$25 and available through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011. Tickets will also be available the day of the concert for \$35.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 16
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the scholarship and program fund of the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women will be held at American Legion Harford Post 39, 500 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Charlotte Albro, 410-436-4611; Billie Jo Benjamin, 410-436-2216 or 410-287-3617; or Suzanne Schultz, 410-939-2098. Limited seating is available.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 17
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Port Deposit Heritage Committee will be held at the Port Deposit VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Joann, 410-378-3320, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 17 AND 18
FIRST ANNUAL MARYLAND ARCHERY ‘SHOOT FORTHE CURE’**

Deer Creek Archery, next to the Churchville Drive-In theater, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are teaming up to hold a 3D ‘Shoot for the Cure.’ Archers will be shooting the new Genesis by Mathews and will be shooting at IBO approved 3D targets by Delta Targets, supplied by Deer Creek Archery. Arrows will also be furnished. The cost of the shoot is \$20 with \$10 going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All registrants will be eligible for door prizes donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. There is also a silent auction for a Mathews MQ1 and a Bostick Plantation three-day, two-person bow hunt (license and travel expenses are not included). To register for the shoot, visit www.deercreekarchery.com or contact George Bennett at 410-734-9554.

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 21
TEEN TRIP TO THE APOLLO THEATER**

Aberdeen Youth Services has scheduled a middle school/teen trip to the historic Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York. The trip includes a tour of the Apollo Theater, shopping and Apollo’s Amateur Show. The bus will leave the Aberdeen Youth Center, 8 a.m. and return at 1 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22. Middle school and teens participating in this program must have a valid Youth Services registration. Cost for the trip is \$10. Spaces are limited and payment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for middle school/teens to turn in the activity fee and reserve a seat on the bus is Friday, Aug. 16. Parents may join the fun if there are spaces still available on Aug. 19. The cost for parents is \$15 and must be paid by 4 p.m., Aug. 20. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-306-4507, or call the Aberdeen Youth Center at 410-278-4995.

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 22
ROYE-WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Come and meet your child’s new teacher and classroom at the Roye-Williams Elementary School Open House, 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a new parents meeting following the open house at 7 p.m. For more information, call the school at 410-273-5536. (Note: Some teachers may not be present.)

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 23
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Police Association

will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 31
HARFORD COUNTY AIRPORT FLY-IN**

The Experimental Aircraft Association’s Upper Chesapeake Chapter 1341 invites all to a fly-in, noon to 6 p.m., at the Harford County Airport (map code OW3; radio frequency 122.8) on Aldino Road, Churchville. Events include a “war-bird” display of military helicopters, airplane rides, an aviation flea market and “all-you-can-eat” spaghetti and meatballs with salad and garlic bread. Cost is \$6. For more information or to get flea market tables for Experimental Aircraft Association members, contact Joseph Miller, jmflyboy@aol.com, 717-542-6412, or Paul Thomas, paul.thomas36@verizon.com, 410-676-5869.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 6
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 7
CWF SPONSORS HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to fly in a hot air balloon for \$199 per person, which includes charter bus transportation to Lancaster, Pa., and a one-hour flight that begins at 6 p.m. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$50 deposit per person is required. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER LUNCHEON**

The Aberdeen Area Post Chapel will hold a prayer luncheon, 11:30 a.m., at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be Patty Shinseki, wife of Gen. Erik Shinseki, Chief of Staff, United States Army. Tickets cost \$5 each. To purchase tickets, call the AA chapel, 410-278-4333, the Edgewood Area chapel, 410-436-4109, or the Garrison Command Office, 410-278-1511. For more information, call the AA chapel, 410-278-4333.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 14
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the Good Shepherd School, 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call the school, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16 to 18
HOME OWNERSHIP SEMINAR**

Home Partnership, Inc., a non-profit agency will offer a three-part seminar on “How to Own Your Own Home” Sept. 16 through 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The health Community Center of Edgewood, 1837 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, will host this class at their facility. For more information and to register, call Gerrie Reeder, housing counselor 410-297-6700.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
The 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. showings Saturday, Aug. 17 are canceled in support of the evening’s REO Speedwagon classic rock concert.



**MINORITY REPORT
(FREE ADMISSION)
Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell

In Washington, D.C., in 2054, police utilize psychic technology to arrest and convict murderers before they commit their crime. The decisions are made by a panel of three, where the feeling of two judges outweigh the third. So, if the correct verdict comes from that one judge, it’s a “minority report.” The head of this pre-crime unit is himself accused of the future murder of a man he hasn’t even met. (Rated PG-13)

LIKE MIKE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Aug. 17, 1 p.m.

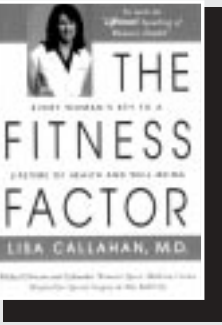
Starring: Lil’ Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut



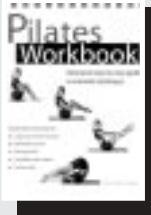
Calvin buys a “magical” pair of sneakers that were once worn by professional basketball player Michael Jordan, transforming him into a basketball wiz able to compete on a professional level despite his size. He soon gets his chance to join an actual NBA team. (Rated PG)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following books for your reading pleasure:



The Fitness Factor: Every Woman’s Key to a Lifetime of Health and Well-Being by Lisa Callahan.
Callahan is the cofounder and medical director of the Women’s Sports Medicine Center at New York’s hospital for Special Surgery. In this book she explains the vital necessity of exercise and provides tools for self-analysis of one’s exercise needs and capabilities and the development of a personal routine.



Pilates Workbook: Illustrated step-by-step guide to matwork techniques by Michael King

The Edge: the Weider guide to ultimate strength, speed, and stamina by Ben and Joe Weider



Unified Fitness: Western and Chinese fitness solutions to 42 chronic health problems by John Alton

Marathon Runner’s Handbook by Bruce Fordyce

Fitness and Health by Brian J. Sharkey

To receive a complete listing of the library’s new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-4991.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

AFTB OFFERS AUGUST CLASSES

Army Family Team Building will hold Level 1 classes at the *Edgewood Recreation Center*, building E-4140, 6 to 9 p.m.:
Aug. 15: Introduction to Military and Civilian Community Resources, Introduction to Army Family Action Planning Program and Introduction to Operation R.E.A.D.Y.

AFTB Level 1 classes in the *Aberdeen Area* will be offered at Army Community Service, building 2754, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.:
Aug. 21: Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation, Impact of the Mission on Family Life and Family & Military Expectations
Aug. 22: Basic Problem Solving and Supporting Your Child’s Education

BABY BOOT CAMP AT APG

The New Beginnings Class will begin on Aug. 19 at Army Community

Service building 2754, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come and explore new life with your baby. New Beginnings will focus on a variety of topics including baby’s appearance, crying and comfort, health, safety and of course, “Mommy pampering.” Moms and dads are encouraged to attend. For additional information, call Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together coordinator at 410-278-4372. RSVP by Aug. 15.

RELOCATING WITH AN EFM

A big part of military life is relocating. For a family with an exceptional family member who has special needs, the confusion can be particularly stressful. To avoid some of the less desirable “adventures,” it may be a good idea to map out a strategy before moving. This is especially important regarding special education needs, and medical or housing issues. To get assistance for an upcoming permanent change of station with an exceptional family

member, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.

FREE BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS COURSE

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will present a course in Basic Computer Skills, Aug. 21 to Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., each Wednesday, at the ACS Computer Lab, building 2752. This hands-on course is designed for those with little or no background in computers. Course objectives include: basic skills needed to operate a computer; how to use commercial software packages that run in Windows; and how to access the Internet. This course is open to APG valid I.D. cardholders and adult family members. Active duty personnel/retiree(s) with valid I.D. have priority. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager, building 2754, 410-278-9669. Seating is limited.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON UPDATE

CLASS ON CHARTING HIGH SCHOOL YEARS AND BEYOND

School Liaison/Youth Education Services and Army Community Service class entitled “Academic Passport-How to Chart Your Course Through High School and Beyond” is rescheduled for Aug. 21, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Presented by School Liaison/Youth Education Services, Army Community Service Employment Readiness, and Harford

Community College, and sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition, this program is highly recommended for middle school and high school students and their parents. The program will give many tips, insights and resource information that will be helpful for students and their parents. Take home resource packets will be provided to all in attendance. To sign-up or for more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669/9675.

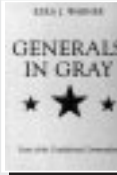
OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.



Morals Under the Gun, The Cardinal Virtues, Military Ethics, and American Society by James H. Toner

Free College and Training Money for Women by Matthew Leskow



Generals in Gray by Ezra J. Warner

Stemming the Tide, May 1965 to October 1966 by John M. Carland



The Forgotten Hero of My Lai: The Hugh Thompson Story by Trent Angers

True Faith and Allegiance, the Burden of Military Ethics by James H. Toner

Crusade, The Untold Story of the Persian Gulf War by Rick Atkinson

The OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.

DoD provides transitional health care benefits

TRICARE.com

Family members of active duty sponsors involuntarily separated from military service under honorable conditions, or family members of Reserve Component members separated after serving on active duty for more than 30 days in support of contingency operations, are eligible to receive transitional health care benefits for 60 or 120 days under the new Department of Defense Worldwide TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project if their sponsor was on active duty Jan. 1, 2002, or later.

The new demonstration project provides medical benefits to certain eligible active duty and Reserve families when their sponsors depart from military service. Family members of sponsors with fewer than six years of active duty service are eligible for 60 days of transitional health care benefits; those with six years or more are eligible for 120 days.

The transitional health care demonstration benefit is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2002, and remains in effect for two years, to allow DoD time to analyze the program and decide whether or not to make transitional health care a permanent TRICARE benefit for these family members.

Under the demonstration project family members may use TRICARE Standard, the fee-for-service option with deductibles and cost shares; TRICARE Extra, the network option with deductibles and negotiated fees; or TRICARE Prime, the network option that is least costly for most people.

Sponsors and family members who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime will be automatically disenrolled when the sponsor separates from active duty. To continue using the TRICARE Prime benefit during the transitional health care period, sponsors and family members must contact their TRICARE regional managed care support contractor, or their local TRICARE service center, and re-enroll in TRICARE Prime. There will be no break in TRICARE Prime coverage as long as the sponsor and family members re-enroll in TRICARE Prime.

Dental benefits are available to former active duty and Reserve Component members, but under this demonstration, family members of former active duty and Reserve Component members are not entitled to dental benefits. However, Reserve Component members and their family members who are eligible and enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) would be eligible for dental benefits under the TDP, which is separate from this demonstration project.

To be eligible for transitional medical and dental benefits, the family member's sponsor must be: (1) a service member involuntarily separated from active duty; (2) a member of the Reserves separated from active duty after serving more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation; (3) a service member separated from active duty after being involuntarily

retained on active duty in support of a contingency operation; or (4) a service member separated from military service who voluntarily remained on active duty for one year or less in support of a contingency operation.

Transitional health care is not an automatic TRICARE benefit. Sponsors must ensure that they and their family members are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Active duty sponsors may verify or update DEERS information for themselves or their family members by contacting or visiting their local military identification (ID) card issuing facility. To locate the nearest military personnel office or ID card facility, sponsors may search the DEERS Web site at [**www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/**](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/).

Claims for family members will be processed using normal TRICARE claims processing procedures. Claims for family members with expired eligibility will be denied until eligibility is updated and verified in DEERS. If a member submits a claim and it is denied because of eligibility, the member should contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll-free at 1-800-538-9552.

Sponsors and family members who have paid for health care expenses out of pocket, may submit a claim form (DD Form 2642) to TRICARE with a copy of their itemized bill to receive payment for these services. Family members who are eligible for care under the demonstration project and who have other health insurance, must submit all claims to their OHI provider first before submitting them for payment to TRICARE.

Claim forms are available on the TRICARE Web site at [**www.tricare.osd.mil/claims**](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims) or from the local beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator, TRICARE service center representative, or TRICARE managed care support contractor.

Eligible sponsors or family members who require additional information on TRICARE may contact the Worldwide TRICARE Information Center toll-free at 1-888-DOD-CARE (1-888-363-2273). Additional information on TRICARE medical and dental benefits is available on the TRICARE Web site at [**http://www.tricare.osd.mil**](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or by visiting the TRICARE service center or BCAC at the local military treatment facility.

For questions or assistance regarding claims, sponsors and family members may contact the managed care support contractor in their region, the nearest TRICARE service center or a BCAC at the nearest military treatment facility.

* Worldwide TRICARE Service Center directory is available online at [**http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarecenters/default.cfm**](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarecenters/default.cfm).

* Worldwide beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator directory is available online at Web site [**http://www.tricare.osd.mil/beneficiary/beneficiary/BCACDirectory.htm**](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/beneficiary/beneficiary/BCACDirectory.htm).



School physicals added to TRICARE benefits

TRICARE.com

Under the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, TRICARE will cover physical examinations required for school enrollment. The new benefit applies to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries ages 5 through 11. It does not cover sports physicals. The effective date for the benefit was Oct. 30, 2000.

TRICARE advised beneficiaries to save all receipts and related paperwork for TRICARE reimbursement of school phys-

icals received since October 30, 2000. To file a claim for this reimbursement, attach the receipt and paperwork to a claim form and send it to the regional managed care support contractor.

TRICARE regards school physicals as preventive services.

TRICARE Prime enrollees will not have copayments or need referrals or authorizations from their primary care managers unless they go to a non-network provider. TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries do not

have to get referrals, but they will have to pay applicable cost shares and deductibles for the school physicals.

Beneficiaries may download claim forms from the TRICARE Web site at [**http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/default.htm**](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/default.htm) or may contact a local TRICARE Service Center.

The Worldwide TRICARE Service Center directory is available online at [**http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarecenters/default.cfm**](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarecenters/default.cfm).

Experts say despite market woes, TSP okay

MilitaryReport.com

Stars and Stripes reports that despite a significant dip in the stock market, financial planners are telling enrollees of the federal government's retirement Thrift Savings Plan to hold tight - unless you're about to retire.

It is suggested that retirees leave already invested money alone, and redirect new contributions to the two "safer" G and F bond funds.

The first-ever open TSP season, which ran Nov. 15 through Jan. 31, netted a 10 percent enrollment of eligible service members, said Army Lt. Col. Tom

Emswiler, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

The Navy has 74,000 active and reserve sailors participating in the plan, followed by the Air Force with about 68,000 TSP participants, the Army with about 63,000 and the Marines with 15,000. The current open enrollment closed July 31.

The next session runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 31.

TSP has placed investment information, plan options, enrollment information, and a savings calculator on their Web site at [**http://www.tsp.gov**](http://www.tsp.gov).



Army News



BNCOC grads to get 40 promotion points

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Soldiers who successfully complete the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course will be awarded 40 promotion points beginning Aug. 1.

Soldiers will no longer receive four promotion points per BNCOC-course week. This change will lessen administrative mistakes and level the playing field for BNCOC graduates with similar military occupational specialties, personnel officials said.

“Clerks will no longer have to do the math,” said Sgt. Major Louisa Scott, the chief of Enlisted Promotions, Total U.S. Army Personnel Command.

Under the current system, when soldiers complete both phases of BNCOC — common core and military occupational specialty specific — they submit two forms of the Department of the Army 1059 to their Personnel Support Branch for points, Scott said.

Then the PSB clerk decides on her own how many points a

soldier gets, Scott said. For example, if phase one is five weeks and three days and phase two is two weeks and two days one clerk may give 32 points for eight weeks, but another clerk may give 28 points for seven weeks.

By implementing a 40-point standard there’s no room for interpretation, Scott said.

Some soldiers may have the perception that they are going to lose points because their particular BNCOC is longer than 10 weeks, said Sgt. Major Gerald Purcell, personnel policy integrator with the Army’s G1. “That’s not true. The point system will be applicable to every soldier in the MOS, and the cut-off score will reflect that,” he said.

Soldiers will still be competing against others in their MOS, and everyone in that MOS will have 40 points, Scott added.

The soldiers most greatly affected are ones who are in MOSs that have merged, such as some in the medical field, and those that are planning to merge under the implementation of ADS XXI initiatives, which was designed to consolidate MOSs with similar functions, Purcell said.

Last year several medical skills were combined under the umbrella 91W. After the merge, some soldiers had promotion points based on a 12-week BNCOC course while others had points based on an eight-week course. Other potential merges include personnel administrative specialists (75B) and personnel services specialists (75H) who would be renamed as 42A.

It’s also been proposed to merge light-wheel vehicle mechanics (63B), heavy-wheel vehicle mechanics (63S) and wheel-vehicle repairers (63W). While the wheel-vehicle repairers would lose 32 points if the merger goes through, each of the soldiers competing for promotion would receive the same number of promotion points for BNCOC completion. This eliminates inequities based solely on their BNCOC course length, Purcell said.

“We’re treating BNCOC as an equal element. So as we merge similar MOSs, no one is at a disadvantage,” Purcell said.

In July all Personnel Support Battalions began converting the BNCOC points, and adjusting promotion points. Soldiers will not have to do anything, Purcell said.

Soldiers can audition for theatre troupe

Victoria A. Palmer

All the world’s a stage, and in this case, soldier-actors will literally tour the world when the Army Theatre Touring Company “BRAVO!” takes to the road for its third season.

BRAVO! is currently seeking soldiers to audition for the eight-member 2003 cast and crew. The group needs six performers and two technicians.

The all-soldier theater troupe brings live theater to military communities all over the world as part of the Army Entertainment mission of “entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier.”

This season’s BRAVO! will tour the U.S., Europe, and Southwest Asia between November and March. The production is an original patriotic musical review featuring the work of Irving Berlin, Glenn Miller, modern composers and poets, and segments from on and off-Broadway shows.

BRAVO! producer Tim Higdon says he is looking for “motivated soldiers who want to share their love for theater with fellow soldiers and others in their communities” and who understand the rigors of putting together, sustaining, and touring a production of this type.

“This is the chance of a lifetime,” Higdon said. “Here is an opportunity to participate in a world-wide tour as a paid actor, something even many professionals in the industry never get to experience.”

All active-duty and reserve-component soldiers are eligible to apply. The six performers - three male and three female - must be able to sing, dance and act. The two technicians are a stage manager and lighting and audio engineer who set up, operate and dismantle the stage and equipment.

Applications for all positions must include a resume’ of acting, singing, dancing, or technical theater background with references, VHS audition tape or technical portfolio, full-length official Army photo, copy of personnel qualifications (DA Forms 2A and 2-1 or ERB), and a written “intent to release” from the unit commander for up to 180 days temporary duty assignment.

Installations wishing to host performances must apply to do so, Higdon said. They can host a minimum of two performances and may charge admission fees for additional shows and operate concessions to generate local revenue for

Morale, Welfare and Recreation. However, one free performance must be staged for special audiences such as youth, schools or units.

While BRAVO! is primarily designed to showcase top soldier talent and entertain soldiers and members of military communities, Higdon said, it also “demonstrates the financial viability of community theater as an important part of an installation’s community recreation program for participants and spectators.”

Complete information about auditions, the application process and hosting requirements is outlined in a CFSC Community Recreation memorandum dated May 22, available online at the Army MWR Web site at www.armymwr.com, **Rec&Leisure/Entertainment/BRAVO!**

Audition packages and installation memorandums of intent to host BRAVO! should be postmarked by Aug. 16 to Army Entertainment Division, Attention: BRAVO!, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

(Editor’s note, Victoria Palmer writes for CFSC Public Affairs. CFSC provides more than 200 MWR programs for soldiers and families worldwide.)

DoD approves Armed Forces picture book

Jonathan Williamson
Army News Service

Civilian photographers will be taking pictures on Army posts throughout the world Oct. 7 for a coffee-table book titled “A Day in the Life of the United States Military.”

A request by Epicenter Communications of Sausalito, Calif., to have more than 100 commercial photographers take pictures on military installations was recently approved by the Department of Defense.

Oct. 7 was chosen to shoot the photographs because it marks the one-year anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, said a DoD news release.

coffee-table books on numerous subjects including Christmas around the world, the auto races at Daytona, and war in Sarajevo.

Photographers who will work on “A Day in the Life of the U.S. Military,” include Naythons, David Kennerly and Lew Korman.

Kennerly, a contributing editor to Newsweek magazine since 1996 and Pulitzer Prize winner, photographed the Pentagon burning after it was attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11.

Many of the photographers involved in the project are Pulitzer Prize winners.

Naythons and others are best known for their book “A Day in the Life of America,” a book that contained pictures of Americans, both ordinary and famous, throughout the country, said a news release.

There will also be up to 15 military photographers working on the project. These photographers may be used to shoot locations not normally open to the American public, officials said.

Most of the military photographers will come from Combat Camera, a unit that provides global photography support for the military.

If the Army is engaged in combat on Oct. 7, arrangements will be made to incorporate photographs of battle, according to a DoD release.

“If we are in armed conflict, arrangements will be made, when possible, for this to be photographed as well for the book,” stated the release.



LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Beginning immediately, the new forms to use for the Voluntary Leave Program are OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer

Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program need to contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, so that they can complete a termination form.

Mary A Banaszak
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Gretchen E. Blethen
Janet H. Brezinski (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)
Rene de Pontbriand
Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Patty Gibson
Joyce C Green
Edgar W. Greer
Gerald P. Gulden
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Melanie A. Hoffman (paras-inusitis, fibromyalgia condition)
Beverly A Higgins (surgery)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)

Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)
Anita L Koller care for husband)
Carrie L. Lambert
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
Geraldine Martin (surgery)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Michelle Millary (taking care of father)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
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Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)

Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Diane Scott
Lena Shelton
Teresa L. Shores
Motoko Stahl
Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Colvin J. Strickler II
Rachel Swearingen
Walter J Swiderski
Hilary P.Talbot
Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Michael R. Willard
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Wanda L.Waldon (surgery)
*Colleen Waller
Josephine O. Wojiechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877. (*An asterisk indicates employees working at the APG office of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Call Susan Goldberg, 301-394-1080, regarding ARL employees.)

Law school

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their branch manager at PERSCOM. Copies of the applications should be forwarded to: The Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (FLEP), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, Va. 22209-2194.

Interested officers wishing to interview for the FLEP should contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Staff Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Jill Grant, or her legal assistant, Nora Farrell, at 410-278-1107.

(Editor’s note: This release was submitted by the Office of the Judge Advocate General and localized by Maj. Eugene Bowen, OSJA.)

APG runner tackles Virginia 100-miler

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

While running is a requirement for most service members, for some it is a passion and a way of life.

Running for fitness is nothing new to Master Sgt. Clarence E. Wilson Jr., operations sergeant, Military Personnel Division, assigned to Headquarters Support Troop, U. S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

A self-styled health enthusiast who often can be found running the streets of APG in the wee hours of the morning, Wilson completed the Old Dominion 100-Mile Memorial Run held in Woodstock, Va., in May.

The annual run on country lanes travels through historic Woodstock along the Shenandoah River and circles the Massanutten and Woodstock mountains. With the prestigious Old Dominion belt buckle with the Virginia state seal on it as their goal, runners are given 30 hours to complete the course. Those finishing in less than 24 hours receive a silver buckle while finishers between 24 to 30 hours receive bronze.

Wilson completed the run in 29 hours and 6-minutes and received the bronze. He said he was pleased with his time on his first 100-miler.

“It was a physical and mental challenge,” Wilson said. “The greatest challenge is running under sleep deprivation. You get tired, but the adrenaline keeps you going.”

Runners could stop for drinks, to use the rest room or to seek first aid as long as they finished in the allotted time, he added.

Wilson said distance running is a stress reliever that he took up as a personal challenge.

He began running at age 15 while training to be a boxer in his native New York City. After entering the military, he combined endurance training with the Army physical fitness-training program.

Somewhere along the way, running became less compulsory and more instinctive, Wilson said.

“It started as a way to stay in shape,” Wilson said. “Now, I just love to run. When I’m not running, I’m thinking about it.”

Describing himself as “health conscious,” Wilson said his fitness routine includes running 30 to 50 miles per week, including eight to 11 miles a day on APG streets starting about 4:45 a.m. on PT mornings.

“I prefer running on post. It’s safer, and at that time of the morning there’s no traffic to

deal with,” Wilson said.

He also works out with free weights twice a week.

Refusing to let age slow him down, Wilson began running marathons at age 44. He realized a high point of his passion this year when, at age 45, he entered the 100-miler.

Wilson prepared for the race by running regular 26-mile marathons. He ran four from October to November 2001. Then, he ran four marathons and two ultramarathons (more than 26.2 miles) from February to April, including, the HAT Run 50K in Susquehanna State Park, March 23, and the Bull Run-Run 50 miler in Clifton, Va., April 13.

Wilson said he is self-mentored, usually training alone, but advised those considering taking up the sport to use the Internet, which offers several sites devoted to running and marathons.

“I checked out sample training schedules and modified them to meet my needs,” Wilson said. He added that distance running made it easier for him to meet the Army height and weight standards as he grew older.

“Start when you’re young,” he added. “Your body recovers quicker.”

Wilson, noting that the average age for ultramarathon runners is about 45, said he hopes to continue running into his 70s and 80s.

“There are people in their 60s and 70s who still run 100-milers,” Wilson said.

He said he likes the fact that he can do something not everyone can.

“It’s not easy by any stretch,” Wilson said, adding, “there is no avoiding the toll it takes on your body, though it lessens in severity the more you run.

“But there is nothing like the feeling of personal accomplishment when you cross the finish line,” he said.

A member of the Renaissance All Sports Athletic Club in Harford County, Wilson’s next race is the Ground Hog Fall 50K on Sept. in Punxsutawney, Pa.

He said his ultimate goal is to compete in the Trail Run Across the Commonwealth, which is a four-day stage run on trails across northern Virginia (158 miles) sponsored by the Virginia Happy Trails Running Club in Northern Virginia.

Wilson plans to retire from the Army in February.

Stationed at APG for four years, Wilson said he plans to remain in the area, seek a career in either law enforcement or security, and continue running.



Photo courtesy SHAMROCK SPORTS FEST
Master Sgt. Clarence Wilson, Headquarters Support Troop, hustles through the Shamrock Marathon in Virginia Beach, Va., in March in preparation for the Old Dominion 100-Mile Memorial Run in May. Wilson finished in less than 30 hours to qualify for the prestigious Old Dominion bronze belt buckle.

Hunt

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state, they must get the check through their home state.

All hunters must also have the state hunting license, stamps for bow and muzzle-loader season if they are participating in them, and an APG permit, available through Outdoor Recreation. Bowhunters who have previously hunted on APG and are current bow club members may also sign up for the check during qualifications in August.

Hunters may harvest a total of 21 deer on APG if they hunt with bow, muzzleloader and shotgun, or seven deer if only participating with one of the three. However, when it comes to killing bucks, all hunters must observe a ratio of two antlerless deer for every antlered animal.

“If you kill a buck at APG, you have to harvest two does or antlerless deer before you can get another buck,” said Jim Pottie, APG’s wildlife biologist, “or you can harvest all antlerless deer. Since one buck can service up to 15 does, if a hunter chooses to harvest all females, that would

be great and could really reduce the overpopulation of deer we have,” he said.

None of the deer taken and registered at APG goes toward the Maryland limit and no state bonus stamps are required.

Those wishing to participate are reminded that they need to complete the APG hunter’s safety seminar, scheduled for Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Bow Range. In addition, all must view the unexploded ordnance recognition video before being issued a certificate valid for three years. The video can be seen at the Aug. 25 bow seminar, during bow hunting qualifications, at the point of purchase of the permit at Outdoor Recreation, building 2407, and, once they open on Sept. 1., at either deer check station on the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

Bow hunters, in addition, must have their equipment checked and be qualified as a bow hunter through the APG Bowmen’s Club, located on Combat Drive in the Aberdeen Area. The club is holding qualification sessions at the bow range each Tuesday and Thursday evening in August from 5 to 7 p.m.

Additional days in February

may be added if the harvest does not meet expectations.

Pottie said deer population numbers continued to grow last year in the absence of a fall, 2001 hunting season.

“We have a significant overpopulation of deer on the installation, and are trying, through hunting, to get some level of control,” Pottie said.

He said that decreasing the deer population should decrease Lyme Disease on the installation. Deer are hosts for the tick which can spread Lyme Disease to children and adults.

Potential participants are reminded, however, that APG remains under heightened security. The installation is expected to remain at Force Protection Condition CHARLIE for the foreseeable future, meaning that some inconvenience, the trade off for increased safety measures, is to be expected.

“We want people to enjoy themselves, but they need to keep in mind that they are on a military reservation, and there are restraints we have to live by,” he said.

Pottie added, “The season will be cancelled if we return to FPCON DELTA.”

SBCCOM highlights Acquisition, Logistics, Technology Excellence

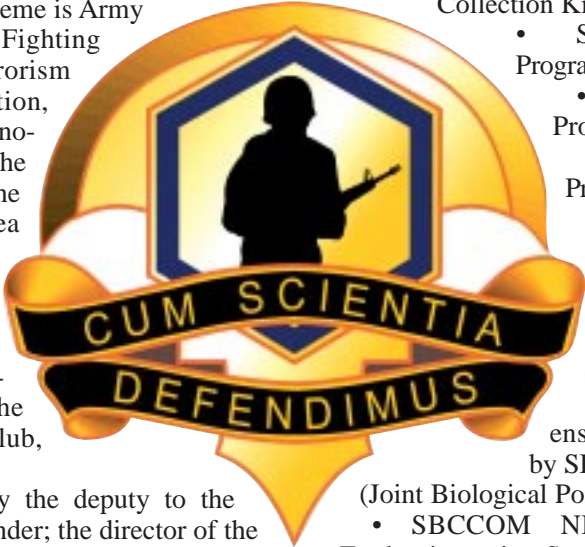
Joan Hauser
SBCCOM

August 21 the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command will mark Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Day. This year’s theme is Army Transformation: Fighting the War on Terrorism Through Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Solutions. The event begins at the Edgewood Area Conference Center Auditorium at 9 a.m., followed by an afternoon session at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650.

Presentations by the deputy to the SBCCOM commander; the director of the U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center; the keynote speaker, deputy program manager for the Pentagon Renovation Program; chief of the SBCCOM Operations Center; executive director, SBCCOM Integrated Materiel Management Command; a presentation by the field support engineer on Contractor Logistics Support for the Biological Integrated Detection System; and a special tribute to soldiers supporting our Homeland Defense are planned.

Participating organizations will provide hands-on exhibits, demonstrations and equipment displays during the day’s activities, including:

- Chemical Biological Warfare Forensic Collection Kit / Quicksilver Analytics
 - Soldier Enhancement Program
 - Contractor Certification Program
 - Industrial Base Program
 - Chemical Biological Rapid Response Team Deployable Operations Center (Mobile Analytical Lab display)
 - Homeland Defense/Equipment deployed by SBCCOM to the Pentagon (Joint Biological Point Detection System)
 - SBCCOM NBC Protective Mask Evaluations in Support of the War on Terrorism
 - Small Business Program
 - U.S. Army Developmental Test Command
 - Acquisition Workforce
 - Logistics: Two-level Maintenance Concept (video)
 - Computer Aided Engineering
- For more information, call Jackie Burke, 410-436-8620, Pam Serra, 410-436-4417 or 410-436-3577.



Licensing, certification info for military jobs available online

MilitaryReport.com

American Forces Press Service reports that separating military members can now get help earning professional certification or licenses for the civilian world related to their military jobs before they leave the service.

Information for separating service members can be found on the DANTES Web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm>.

The site describes certifications or licenses required to

take a job in a wide variety of civilian career fields.

Service members can search based on their occupational specialty or service code.

The site describes how well members’ training and experience in military jobs prepare them for the tests and what added work members might need to do.

The DANTES site also contains links to information from the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics

on what civilian jobs correspond to military specialties.

Another information source for departing members of all services is Credentialing Opportunities Online at <http://www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool>.

This is the official site of the GI to Jobs program.

For more on career guidance and a national job board, visit Web site <http://www.military.com/Careers/Home/1,13373,,00.html>.

APG fall hunting schedule

Bow

Sept. 9 through Oct. 17

Muzzleloader

Oct. 18 through 26

Bow

Oct. 28 through Nov. 22

Shotgun

Nov. 23 through Dec. 7

Bow

Dec. 9 through 14

Muzzleloader

Dec. 16 through 21

Shotgun

Dec. 23 through 28

Bow

Dec. 30 through Jan. 31



Photo by JOE ONDEK

John J. Ondek, whose brother Joe Ondek is a contractor with Sverdrup Technology working at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, poses with a 122-pound dressed out 10-point buck shot on Aberdeen Proving Ground during black powder season several years ago.



**Lanes to Links
Tournament Aug. 24**

Sign up to play the Lanes to Links tournament on Aug. 24. Play begins at Ruggles Golf Course with nine holes in a scramble format, then moves to the APG Bowling Center for five games of bowling using the “Baker System.” Entry fee is \$30 per person and includes continental breakfast and

brunch buffet. A \$100 gift certificate will be given to each winning team member, as well as other prizes for winning team categories, such as Best/Worst Team in Golf, Best/Worst Team in Bowling. Each competitor will receive a free sports beverage bottle. The tournament is open to everyone. Teams will consist of four people each, of any age. Submit your own team or

let the bowling center put a team together. Deadline to register is Aug. 19, at the APG Bowling Center or Ruggles Golf Course. For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or Debbie Long at 410-278-4794.

**Outdoor Recreation
closed Sept. 2**

Outdoor Recreation will be closed Sept. 2. To take advantage of the weekend special, pick up item(s) on Saturday, Aug. 31 and return on Sept. 3 for a one-day rental price. For more information, call Carissa

A. Bare, manager, Equipment Resource Center, Outdoor Recreation Program, 410-278-4124/5789 or fax 410-278-4160.

**Horse care, stable
management**

To learn how to care and maintain a healthy horse, from grooming to safety procedures, sign up to attend a Horse Care and Stable Management class, Aug. 24 and 31 and Sept. 7, at the APG Saddle Club in Edgewood Area from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$15. Register by Aug. 21 at

Outdoor Recreation, building 2407. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

**Customer
appreciation night**

The APG Bowling Center celebrates its customers Aug. 30. Bowl for the discounted price of \$1 a game and rent shoes for \$.50. Great prices on hotdogs, sodas, and beer too. For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewn-

er@usag.apg.army.mil.
Mystery Bowl contest
The Mystery Bowl winner for the week of Aug. 3 was Kathleen Santana, family member. (No photo provided.)

**APG’s MWR Web
site is up and
running**

Check out APG’s MWR Web site, **www.apgmwr.com**, for all the latest morale, welfare and recreation information on post. See what classes are being offered, where to go for the latest aerobic class and more. For more information, call Gwen Meadows at 410-278-4497 or e-mail her at gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil.

***Military children
can win computers***

MilitaryReport.com

Military kids worldwide will have the opportunity to win one of 10 personal computers being given away during an August commissary promotion.

The essay contest, on “Why I am Proud to Be an American,” is sponsored and funded by manufacturers that sell products in the commissary.

Essays are to be 100 words or less and postmarked no later than Sept. 15. Winners must be legal dependents of authorized commissary shoppers.

Essays can be submitted online at **http://www.family-media.com/dmi/index.lasso** or mailed to Family Essay 2002, P.O. Box 399, Old Bethpage, NY 11804